TERRI SHUCK FIELD NOTES

INTERVIEWER Candacy Taylor INTERVIEWEE: Terri Shuck

DATE & TIME: August 28, 2012 12:32pm

LOCATION: Upper Cut Styling Salon

110-A Stratton Alley

Lewisburg, West Virginia 24901

Upper Cut Styling Salon is located in the Appalachian Mountains in the small town of Lewisburg, West Virginia. This was my first time visiting Appalachia and to be honest, being a black woman, I was a little nervous about how I might be received. It was a beautiful drive through the mountains and once I arrived in Lewisburg I was surprised to see the mansions lining the street. The town looked old and had a quiet southern charm. Terri's salon is located in downtown Lewisburg which is has a very quaint old-town feeling. The salon was not easy to find, it's hidden away on a side street but once I found it there was a parking spot right out front.

I arrived at the salon around noon. Terri welcomed me with a big warm hug and a smile. I instantly felt comfortable and realized my nerves were unwarranted. The salon was empty except for her receptionist sitting at the front desk. The salon was bright and spacious. Terri had cleared her schedule for the day so we would have a quiet space to conduct the interview. I set up the recording equipment in the waiting area of the salon. The interview lasted about an hour. Her client, Karen Bowling arrived towards the end of the interview and I set up the tripod and camera equipment to photograph Terri doing hair. I left the salon around 3pm.